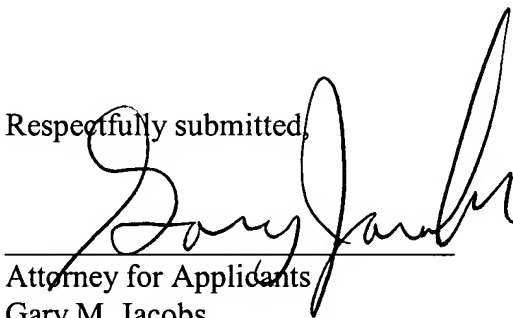


Remarks

Claims 12 and 22 have been amended solely to improve their form without changing their scope. Accordingly, this Amendment is needed for proper protection of the invention and would require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Therefore, this Amendment satisfies the criteria for entry of MPEP § 714.16 and such entry is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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